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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON FRG PRESENCE IN BERLIN

REF: (A) STATE 38627; (B) BONN 2800 (PARA 4)

SUMMARY: BONN GROUP DISCUSSED MARCH 6 FRG AGENCIES
REPORTEDLY SLATED FOR BERLIN (REF B). FONOFF REPS GAVE
SOME INFORMATION AS REQUESTED BY U.S. FEB 28 AND
PROMISED TO PROVIDE MORE ON URGENT BASIS. END SUMMARY.

1. ALLIED REPS DETAILED THREE FRG AGENCIES THEY HAD
HEARD WERE PLANNED FOR BERLIN: (A) CONSTRUCTION
RESEARCH INSTITUTE (BUNDESINSTITUT FUER BAUFORSCHUNG);
(B) NATIONAL CULTURAL FOUNDATION; (C) ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION INSTITUTE. DRAWING ON REFTEL A, U.S. REP
STRESSED OUR DESIRE FOR FULL TIMELY CONSULTATIONS ON ANY
SUCH PLANS, PARTICULARLY THOSE CONCERNING THE
CONSTRUCTION RESEARCH INSTITUTE, WHICH SEEMED TO
BE MOST URGENT IN VIEW OF FORTHCOMING (POSSIBLY BY MARCH
15) DISCUSSION OF HOUSING MINISTRY BUDGET INCLUDING A
LINE ITEM FOR PROJECT, WITH LOCATION LEFT BLANK.

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2. THE UK REP (CROMARTIE) STRONGLY SUPPORTED U.S. VIEW, NOTING THAT TACTICAL POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS WOULD SUGGEST EXTREME CAUTION IN SUCH MATTERS, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY. CROMARTIE ADDED THAT IT HAD BECOME CLEAR THAT THE SOVIETS WERE AT LEAST AS CONCERNED WITH THE FEA AS A FORERUNNER FOR MANY OTHER FRG AGENCIES AS WITH THE FEA ITSELF. SUCH PROPOSED ADDITIONAL AGENCIES AS THOSE (ABOVE) THAT KREUTZERHAD MENTIONED TO U.S. AND FRENCH MINISTERS IN BERLIN WOULD ONLY REINFORCE SUCH SOVIET FEARS AND IMPERIL SMOOTH FUNCTIONING OF THE FEA. CROMARTIE SAID BRITISH MINISTER HAD LEARNED OF PROSPECTIVE PROJECTS FROM FONOFF BERLIN REPRESENTATIVE HEAD VON KLEWITZ FEB 27. THE FRENCH REP (PAYE) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES SHARED THE UK AND U.S. VIEWS.

3. THE FONOFF REP (LUECKING) SAID HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MINISTERIAL DIRIGENT WEISS, HEAD OF HOUSING MINISTRY SECTION DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH THE PROSPECTIVE CONSTRUCTION RESEARCH INSTITUTE. WEISS WAS FULLY AWARE OF THE PROBLEMS THE INSTITUTE'S LOCATION IN BERLIN WOULD CAUSE, LUECKING SAID. WEISS HAD ASSURED LUECKING THAT NO FINAL PLANS HAD BEEN MADE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INSTITUTE IN BERLIN. WEISS ALSO PLANNED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO EGONBAHR WHEN THE LATTER RETURNS FROM MOSCOW (SENAT REP MEICHSNER ADDED IN THIS CONNECTION HE VERY MUCH DOUBTED THAT KREUTZER - WHO WAS SOMETIMES OVERZEALOUS IN HIS ADVOCACY OF FEDERAL INTEREST IN BERLIN - HAD CLEARED THE PROJECTS WITH BAHR PRIOR TO DISCUSSING THEM WITH FRENCH AND U.S. MINISTERS.) LUECKING RECALLED THAT FONOFF STATE SECRETARY FRANK HAD WRITTEN TO HIS HOUSING

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MINISTRY COUNTERPART IN OCTOBER THAT IN THE ALLIED VIEW,
NO FURTHER FRG AGENCIES OR INSTITUTIONS SHOULD BE
ESTABLISHED IN BERLIN WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION IN THE
BONN GROUP.

4. LUECKING SAID HE COULD OFFER NO INFORMATION ON
EITHER THE NATIONAL CULTURAL FOUNDATION OR THE
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INSTITUTE, BUT WOULD TRY TO
CLARIFY THEIR STATUS ON AN URGENT BASIS, WITH PARTICULAR
REGARD TO TIMING AND STATUS VIS-A-VIS POSSIBLE EXISTING
FEDERAL OFFICES IN BERLIN.

5. PAYE ENDED THE DISCUSSION BY NOTING THAT HE DID NOT
VIEW MARCH 6 SESSION AS IN ANY SENSE
CONSTITUTING SATISFACTORY CONSULTATIONS ON THE PROPOSED
FEDERAL OFFICES. HE SAID ALLIES NEEDED MORE INFORMATION
AND WOULD APPRECIATE WORD FROM BAHR AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE AFTER HE RETURNS FROM MOSCOW.

6. COMMENT: AS THE GERMANS KNOW, WE FULLY SHARE VIEW
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EXPRESSED IN THE FRENCH REP'S FINAL COMMENT. THE
DANGERS ARE REAL THAT THESE LATEST PROJECTS -
PARTICULARLY THE CONSTRUCTION RESEARCH INSTITUTE -
WILL LEAD TO THE SAME UNDESIRABLE DEVELOPMENTS WHICH
ACCOMPANIED THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY.
ACCORDINGLY, WE WILL USE THE MARCH 15 BUNDESTAG BUDGET
COMMITTEE HEARING DEADLINE TO PUSH THE GERMANS HARD IN
THE NEXT DAYS TO HEAD OFF POSSIBLE FUTURE DIFFICULTIES.

7. IN VIEW OF THE FEA EXPERIENCE, THERE MAY BE A
TENDENCY TO COMPARE THE CASE OF THE CONSTRUCTION
RESEARCH INSTITUTE WITH THAT OF THE FEA. WE WILL
CONTINUE TO STUDY THE TWO COMPARATIVELY. THE
HOUSING MINISTRY DRAFT BUDGET DESCRIBES THE CONSTRUCTION

RESEARCH INSTITUTE'S FUNCTIONS AS INCLUDING SUPPORT AND
COORDINATION OF RESEARCH IN CONSTRUCTION (BAUWESEN) AND
DISSEMINATION OF RELEVANT INFORMATION. WE ARE POUCHING
MINISTRY BUDGET VORBEMERKUNGEN ON FEA AND CONSTRUCTION
RESEARCH INSTITUTE TO DEPARTMENT AND BERLIN.
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